



Illinois 83/137 Study

Community Advisory Group

A Community Advisory Group (CAG) is a group of voluntary community members, including study area residents, businesses, and property owners, representing a broad range of interests. The community-based working group partners with IDOT during the planning and design process to identify stakeholder interests and values, develop improvement options, and evaluate the potential effects of those options on community resources.

Anticipated CAG Meeting Schedule

The IL 83/IL 137 Study began in spring 2011 and is expected to be complete by summer 2015. CAG meetings will be conducted throughout the planning process. The anticipated CAG meeting schedule is shown below. Meeting timeframes and topics are subject to change.

Timeframe	CAG Meeting	Topics*
2012		
Spring	CAG Meeting #1	Project introduction, community characteristics and context, study area, preliminary existing conditions
Summer	CAG Meeting #2	Problem Statement, corridor goals, Draft Purpose and Need concepts, project design criteria
Fall	CAG Meeting #3	Final Purpose and Need Statement, range of study alternatives
2013		
Spring	CAG Meeting #4	Study alternatives, technical studies and fieldwork, screening and evaluation process
Fall	CAG Meeting #5	Data collection, study alternatives, preliminary effects, design options and enhancements
2014		
Spring	CAG Meeting #6	Environmental Assessment
2015		
Winter	CAG Meeting #7	Preferred alternative, enhancement and mitigation opportunities
Spring	CAG Meeting #8	Draft Environmental Assessment Errata and Draft Recommended Finding of No Significant Impact

* Stakeholder involvement will be discussed at each CAG meeting.

CAG Ground Rules

The following ground rules will be used during the IL 83/IL 137 Study to form the basis for respectful interaction of all parties involved in the stakeholder process. The ground rules will be included in the study's Stakeholder Involvement Plan.

- ◆ Stakeholder input is duly considered in order to yield the best solutions to problems identified by the process.
- ◆ Input from all participants in the process is valued and considered.
- ◆ All participants must keep an open mind and participate openly, honestly, and respectfully.
- ◆ All participants should work collaboratively and cooperatively to seek a general understanding of agreement.
- ◆ A general understanding of agreement is "when a majority of the stakeholders agrees on a particular issue, while the remainder of stakeholders agrees its input has been heard and duly considered and that the process as a whole was fair."
- ◆ All participants in the process must treat each other with respect and dignity.
- ◆ The project must progress at a reasonable pace, based on the project schedule.
- ◆ IDOT and FHWA will serve as the lead agencies and make final project decisions.
- ◆ Meetings will be documented and meeting summaries will be made available to the public.
- ◆ Participants should express their ideas, feelings, and concerns so that the group can consider them during the study.
- ◆ Participants should support the guidance provided by the CAG facilitator.

Thank you for participating on the IL 83/IL 137 Study Community Advisory Group.